UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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BRIAN JOHNSON, Individually and On Case No. 07 CV 4652

Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,

Plaintiff,

NOTICE OF APPEARANCE

- against - :

STERLING FINANCIAL CORP., J. ROGER

MOYER, JR., J. BRADLEY SCOVILL and ECF CASE

TITO L. LIMA,

Defendants. :

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that COVINGTON & BURLING LLP hereby appears on behalf of all Defendants, STERLING FINANCIAL CORP., J. ROGER MOYER, JR., J. BRADLEY SCOVILL and TITO L. LIMA, in the above-captioned action and respectfully requests that all pleadings, notices, orders, correspondence and other papers in connection with this action be served upon the following, an attorney duly admitted to practice before this Court:

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